

PONTYPOOL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

In conformance with Circular 2604 (Wales) dated the 24th March, 1942, I beg to submit an interim report to take the place of the usual Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1941.

The incidence of infectious disease remains at a steady level in the district and seventy one cases of notifiable disease were reported during the year as opposed to sixty nine in 1940. It was found necessary to remove ten of these cases to infectious disease hospitals. Minor outbreaks of diphtheria occurred at the Monmouthshire Agricultural Institute and Cefn Ila Convalescent Home, but these were quickly brought under control. All the schools in the area were visited during the year and those children whose parents had given their consent were immunised against diphtheria. Three hundred and twenty five children were dealt with in this manner. This response was considered satisfactory as many of the children had been immunised in previous years. The response for children under school age was not so satisfactory.

The birth rate in the district showed a marked increase 394 against 89 in the previous year - but this is accounted for by the setting up of a Maternity Home under the control of the Monmouthshire County Council.

The number of deaths - uncorrected for inward and outward transfers - during the year was 66 - an increase of four upon the previous year.

A serious nuisance was investigated at Mamhilad in November situated in a Knackers yard. It had been found that a batch of pigs which had been reared in the yard were all infected with tuberculosis. On investigation it was found that the yard was in a highly unsanitary condition. Instructions to remedy the defects were given and a notice served.

The incidence of Tuberculosis remains average and twelve new cases were notified during the year.

The health of the district on the whole has remained good during the year and nothing which may have affected the health of the population adversely has occurred.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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